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DIRECTOR

December 11, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange, Purchase, and Boundary Modification  
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Dickinson County  
Land Transaction Case #20040298

Applicant: Keweenaw Land Association, Limited, Ironwood, Michigan.

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Private Land Offered In Exchange: Dickinson County, Waucedah Township, T41N, R28W, Section 35: the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, EXCEPT for the NE ¼ of said quarter-quarter, containing 30.0 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$35,000.00

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State Land Desired In Exchange: Dickinson County, Sagola Township, T44N, R30W, Section 25: the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, containing 40.0 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$35,000.00

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Private Land to be Purchased: Dickinson County, Waucedah Township, T41N, R28W, Section 35: the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, containing 10.0 acres more or less.

Purchase Price: \$13,000.00

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Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) January 2, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 9, 2008.

**Comments:**

The desired 40-acre parcel of State-owned land is located five miles northeast of Channing. This landlocked parcel has a level to gently-rolling terrain with lowland and upland habitats. The second growth timber on the property is relatively young with a mixture of hard and soft woods.

The offered private 40-acre parcel consists of approximately 35 acres of uplands covered in aspen and good quality northern hardwoods. The remaining five acres are relatively wet, with lowland conifer timber types. The property blocks in well with adjoining State-owned land.

This transaction will contribute to the Department's Land Consolidation Initiative, enhance forest and wildlife management potential, and eliminate the need for Department personnel to maintain one mile of existing boundary line.

The desired State-owned land was acquired by tax reversion in 1931. As a result of this exchange, the offered private land will assume tax reverted status.

The exchange portion of this transaction was reviewed by Department staff and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee (LERC) on June 23, 2005. The Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund, which can then be used to acquire replacement property. Use of the LEFF for the purchase portion of this transaction was approved by the LERC on June 21, 2007.

The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division have determined that it is appropriate to exchange mineral rights, if available.

**Recommendations:**

(1) That the exchange and purchase be approved, with payment to be made from LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities.

(2) That the boundary of the Crystal Falls Management Unit be adjusted following completion of the transaction.

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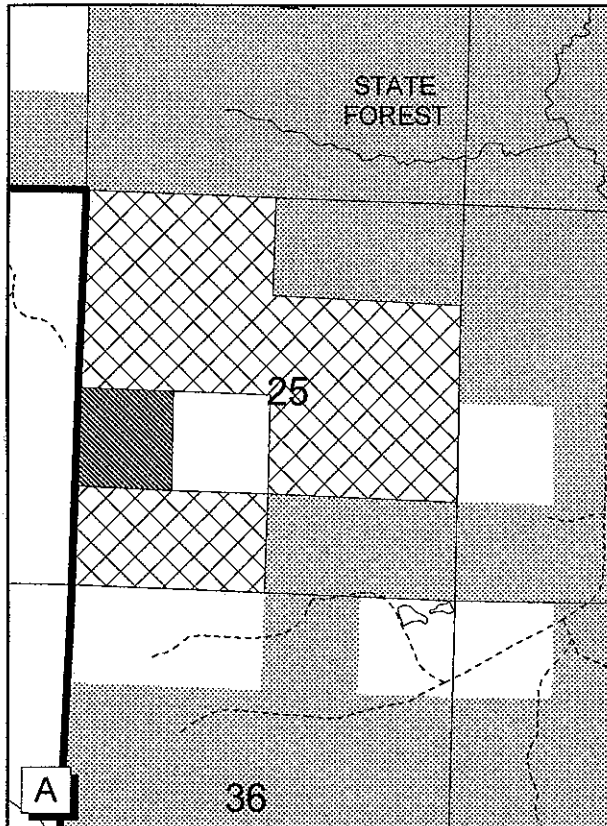
I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

# STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE, PURCHASE AND BOUNDARY MODIFICATION Crystal Falls Management Unit - Dickinson County Land Transaction Case #20040298

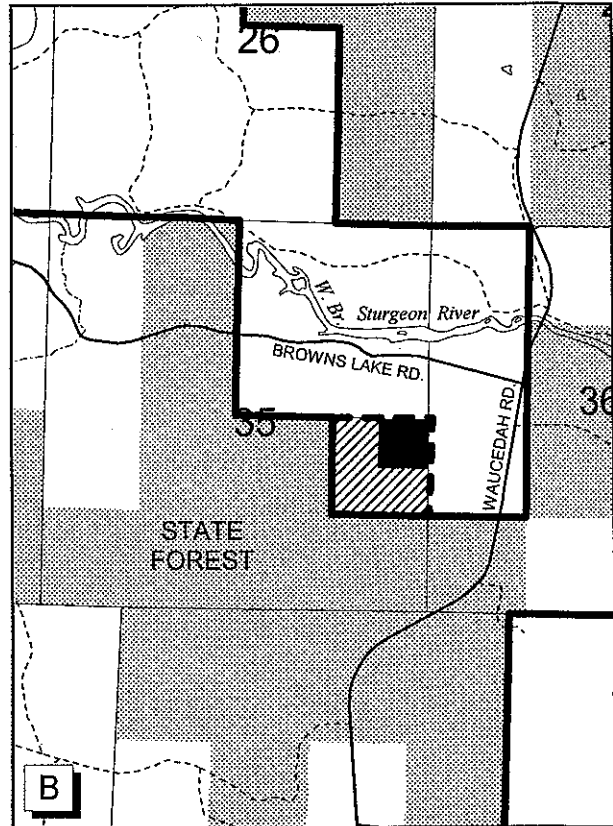
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Section 25, T44N, R30W, Sagola Township

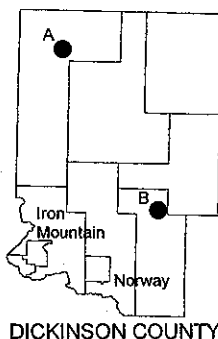
- State Forest Boundary
- Land Desired from DNR in Exchange (40.00 acres - \$35,000.00)
- Applicant's Land
- State Land
- Private Land

OFFERED



Section 35, T41N, R28W, Waucedah Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Proposed Boundary Modification
- Land Offered to DNR in Exchange (30.00 acres - \$35,000.00)
- Land Offered to DNR for Purchase (10.00 acres - \$13,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



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